

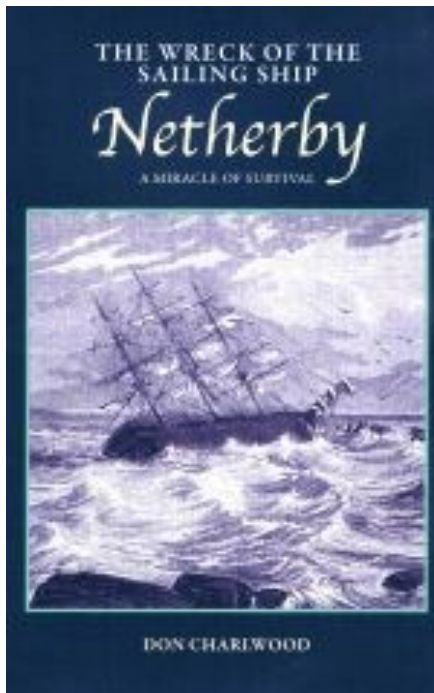
Newsletter for the descendants of the passengers & crew of the 1866 Netherby

Hello everyone,

A huge welcome to our ever growing list of members. Thank you so much to everyone for spreading the word and to those new descendants who are researching their history and finding the Netherby links.

There is not a lot of news from my camp. My work—yes I am still on redeployment and do not know where I might be in the coming weeks or months—has been taking up a lot of additional time with some long shifts and weekend work.

I have 2 items of Netherby note and one is the exciting news that Burgewood Books has released the 2nd edition of "The Wreck of the Sailing Ship Netherby—A Miracle of Survival.



We met the author, Don Charlwood, at our October 2011 meeting. Don's daughter, Doreen and wife, Nell accompanied him and we had a lovely afternoon in discussion and some book signings. Doreen, proudly announced the new edition due for release in the earlier part of 2012.

Last week, Doreen contacted me to advise that the book is now available for purchase.

**Orders are available online at [burgewoodbooks.com.au](http://burgewoodbooks.com.au)**

Recommended retail price is \$16.95 plus postage/packaging.

I have placed my order and am excitedly awaiting it's arrival.

I shall treat it as a birthday present!!

The second bit of news is that the King Island Historical Society and Museum have been in touch with an agenda for the launch of the Netherby bell.

**The Netherby Bell Launch, Saturday, July 14th, 2012.**

Commencing 11am at the King Island Museum.

- Launch of the Netherby Bell
- Roll Call of all on board the Netherby when she was wrecked on K.I.
- Reading the shipwreck on the night
- The Official Opening by the Mayor.
- Presentation of Life Members
- Reading of the story of William Hickmott's story
- Reading of John Parry walk and rescue
- Lions Club Lunch plus tea & coffee.
- History walks Currie harbour

Any one planning to attend can contact Sue Melva Fisher at the KI Museum or

contact me and I will provide her phone number /email address.

(above photo courtesy of Will Johnston).



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Not the Netherby but very similar. No known photos of the Netherby exist!

**In short...**

*Welcome*

To Peter and Pam, descendant of the Alldis family and the first Alldis to register with our list of descendants. Thank you for finding us!

To Clarrie, not a new member at all but we lost contact there for a while. Welcome back to our group. Clarrie is a descendant of the Grimes family.

To Ann, a descendant from the Pinnuck family.

And now to the Skerman family who have continued to spread the word. Thank you so much and a huge welcome to:

David McGaw  
Ken & Carolyn  
Jodie & Jeff  
Darren & Julie  
Keith & Norma  
and Barb & family

If you are new to my newsletters please do not hesitate to contribute ideas, suggestions or interesting tidbits which could be included in the publication.

If you have ideas/thoughts for Netherby 2016 please share.

Thank you.





## Netherby Cove

Previously, via a separate email, I sent a list of agenda items as ideas for our Netherby 2016 event. Now that I have expressed those ideas in person to a few people on King Island and here in Melbourne, at our last meeting, I am a bit more relaxed in thinking we are on the right track for a manageable and interesting/exciting event.

There is no change as yet, to the below list.

### **Your feedback and support is paramount to the success of Netherby 2016.**

Initial thoughts are that Netherby 2016 will be a **4–5 day celebration**.

The 150th anniversary will occur just after 7pm on a **Thursday evening** beachside with a light supper afterwards.

**Friday** would be a free day to explore and hopefully for KI to show off some of its produces/wares and features.

**Friday night**—potentially the Netherby 2016 Ball which is Item 4.3 of our agenda.

**Saturday**—a big day, with much happening (something for everyone?).

A football game (item 4.1), golf competition or social game, potentially lawn balls if enough interest? An Orienteering race/challenge (item 4.11)

**Saturday evening**—free

**Sunday morning**—speeches/service again beachside followed by a presentation by the descendants of the Netherby passengers/crew to King Island of trees/plants which will revegetate an area near the Netherby shipwreck site (to be confirmed).

Guinness Book of Records attempt (largest number of descendants gathered for a shipwreck celebration) Item 4.13.

**Luncheon (similar to the Long Table)** (item 4.12).

**End of event.**

Running in the background throughout the event:

4.2 **Market stalls**—seasonal produce, art, craft, static displays showcasing KI.

4.7 **Crayfish** (will they be in season?) Tours of harbour area, crayboats, tastings, sales etc

4.8 **Shop window dressings**. Period costumes. Street flags/colour. Something at the airport to welcome our Netherby descendants and something on the round about in Currie central

4.4 **Model boats**. A single effort was made by myself a long time ago to get some boat modelling clubs on-board to set up displays. There was no enthusiasm from the Vic group. A couple of people (in our Netherby group) are interested in building a model of the Netherby. This too is proving a difficult task as there are no known pictures of her. I also thought about bigger boats such as the wooden ship festival?? Maybe we could tie in there somehow?

4.6 **Naval involvement** such as a sail past or rescue demonstrations. Perhaps some sort of tie in with Williamstown? A static display at the least.

4.14 **Museum Display**. All things Netherby. Maybe artist's collections related to shipwrecks in general in a different part of the museum or elsewhere on the island. Tours of **Cape Wickham Lighthouse?**

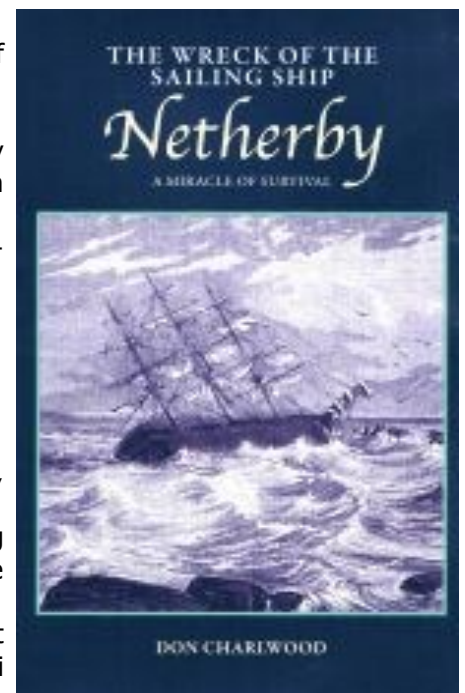
4.15 **Genealogy/Ancestral display**. There are a number of annual events world wide. Maybe we could coordinate a display at the market day or at the museum/gallery.

4.19 **Dairy**—as per 4.7 & 4.12—it would be great for the Dairy to be involved in our celebration and an opportunity to show off their produce. Perhaps there are other businesses who need to be included/approached.

### **Netherby Bell Launch**

Sue Fisher, King Island Historical Society/Museum has advised that the Netherby bell in it's new housing will be open to the public on July 14, 2012. The launch is a Saturday and on this date it will be the 146th anniversary of the Netherby Shipwreck.

Interested attendees should make plans soon.



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# 2012

## Netherby Meeting Dates

- **Sunday, June 24**  
11am—2pm
- **November**  
date to be set.

**Australian Education  
Union building,  
112 Trenerry Crescent,  
Abbotsford. 3067**

**Melway Reference: Map 15 F 11 double check for accuracy please.**

All descendants/interested persons are welcome to attend.

This is a social occasion with a view to sharing and generating ideas for Netherby 2016 and all things Netherby.

There is an informal agenda to assist with the planning for Netherby 2016.

**Confirmation of attendance is required please.**

Tea/Coffee, sandwiches and biscuits will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements—please byo. No smoking or alcohol. We will be bound by the terms and conditions as set by the AEU or J. Cassidy



## Descendant Listing Contacts

We are in contact with descendants of the following Netherby passengers/crew.

Adams  
**Aldis**  
Aplin  
Austin  
Bartling  
Berry  
Bulpit  
Cox  
Cubbin (my family)  
Darlington  
Denning  
Evans  
Gill  
Goldsworthy  
Grimes  
Groom  
Hanna  
Hickmott (L/house Keeper)  
Hogan  
Lingard  
MacFarlane  
Martin  
Massingham  
Moffatt (Moffutt)  
Morris  
Murphy  
Nally  
Newbrook  
Parsons  
Pinnuck (Pinnick)  
Rerden (Reiden Renden)  
Schrader  
Seymour  
Shelford  
**Skerman**  
Townsend  
Turner  
Watkins  
Webster (Ship's Surgeon)  
Wigley (Wiggley Whigley)  
Williams  
Yorston

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Hosts - Jim and Sharon Benn



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jimbenn53@hotmail.com

(Please mark enquiry - King Island Holiday)

**Please contact Sharon and Jim directly via email. [jimbenn53@hotmail.com](mailto:jimbenn53@hotmail.com)**

### Interesting connection:

It never ceases to amaze me of the number of directions the Netherby research takes me. I was thinking about the Netherby cargo. All I know is that it contained rails, an engine or 2, rolling stock and other railway cargo destined for Queensland.

On a whim I contacted the research department for Qld Railways and was surprised to receive an early response. Whilst some questions may never be answered, I was surprised to learn that there was an iron bridge on the Netherby which was destined for a specific location on the main line!

After the wreck and subsequent salvage and selling of the cargo, the iron bridge had to be replaced with a timber one. This was in the Ipswich area and further investigation could possibly reveal the actual site.

There is no confirmation that the engine ever made it to Queensland so it would be interesting to discover if it was used in Victoria? I am not sure if I will continue my line of investigation but I would be interested to learn more. It is possible the rails may have been used in Victoria!

There were approximately 210 different families onboard the Netherby and as you can see, we are in contact with 42 families. With only 4 years to go, I need your help to advise where we can advertise for descendants of the families who are not on our list. Do you know of any free listings in magazines, newspapers, notice boards etc that would raise attention to our quest?